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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1972, prepared on the lines indicated in the Department of Health and Social Security Circular 1/73.

Infectious Diseases.

The number of infectious disease notifications during the year was 26, compared with 135 in 1971, the decrease being mainly due to the fall in measles cases from 102 to 17. The year was notable for the fact that for the first time no cases of whooping cough were reported, whereas the figure for 1971 was 20.

Vital Statistics.

The crude birth rate followed the general trend throughout the country and fell from 15.28 per thousand population in 1971 to 14.42 in 1972. Corrected for comparability, in age and sex distribution with the country as a whole, the figure is 14.85, which is almost identical with the rate for England and Wales of 14.80.

The crude death rate per thousand population rose during the year from 11.24 to 12.44, and the corrected rate of 9.95 compares favourably with the figure for England and Wales of 12.10, which showed an increase on the figure for 1971 of 11.60.

International Certificates of Vaccination.

One thousand six hundred and eighteen certificates of vaccination against smallpox and cholera, and requiring the signature of the doctor authenticated, were dealt with during the year.

National Assistance Act 1948 - Section 47.
National Assistance (Amendment) Act 1951.

This Section provides for the compulsory removal from their homes of elderly, infirm or physically incapacitated persons, who are not receiving proper care and attention. Such persons are often living on their own under poor and insanitary conditions. It was not necessary to take any formal action during the year, and I am pleased to inform you that with regard to the case reported last year the person concerned is now contented in the Home, so it has not been necessary to renew the Court Order.

Family Planning Association Clinic.

A new clinic operated by the Family Planning Association opened at the East Sussex County Council Clinic, Uckfield, in January of this year. Sessions are held every Tuesday from 6.0 to 8.30 p.m. and have been so well attended that it has been found necessary to hold further sessions on two Wednesday evenings a month.

Staff.

Regrettably this year the Senior Public Health Inspector, Mr. R.A. Williams, was compelled to take prolonged leave due to ill health and his deputy, Mr. R. Charnick, was promoted to Acting Chief Public Health Inspector. Mr. D. Cudd, previously District Public Health Inspector with this authority was appointed as Deputy.

The imminent retirement of two of the department's longest serving members, Mr. R.A. Williams and Mr. W. Roberts, District Public Health Inspector, poses a real problem in the maintenance of hygiene standards at a time when there is such an acute shortage of qualified public health inspectors.

Housing.

A 5% sample housing survey was carried out during 1972 as part of the Government's drive to encourage housing authorities to formulate a strategy for dealing with unfit and sub-standard houses within the next ten years.

1,000 private and council owned houses out of a total of 19,347 were selected to random and surveyed by the Inspectors. Estimates have been prepared to indicate the probable number of houses for the whole district which fall into certain categories of condition.

Certain important facts came to light which should not be ignored:-
2,000 - 3,000 houses in the district require extensive repair and/or the provision of basic modern amenities.
300 - 400 dwellings lack a water closet.
1,500 - 2,000 dwellings have no bathroom.

The current rate of demolition and modernisation suggests that it will be at least 20 years before all these properties are dealt with, and it should be remembered that it is usually the worst of the tenanted properties which will remain unaltered without a positive housing policy being implemented.

Public Health Nuisance.

An ever increasing number of complaints are being received and advice from worried owners being sought concerning private drainage disposal systems. The modernisation of country properties and the installation of equipment such as automatic washing machines and dishwashers, not to mention additional sanitary facilities has led to many systems not being able to

cope with the resultant increased flow of drainage. Advice is constantly given by the department at the planning stage where alterations are involved but the clay sub-soil which prevails throughout much of the district limits the effectiveness of any system.

Looking to the future it is quite apparent that further surveys will be required to arrange for the main sewerage of the district wherever practicable.

Noise.

Problems from noise continue to increase and on two occasions it was found necessary to consider the service of abatement notices under the Public Health Act 1936 and Noise Abatement Act 1960.

Numerous complaints and a petition were received concerning noise emanating from an expanding timber business. Noise level readings taken by the public health inspector confirmed that a nuisance existed. Noise Consultants were engaged by the Company but notice had to be served before remedial works were carried out. These included improvements to soundproof the structure of the workshop, closing of doors, acoustic baffling of openings, soundproofing machinery and saws.

In complete contrast a number of residents complained justifiably about the noise from a small diesel driven electric generator used by an elderly householder who did not wish to connect to mains electricity. The nuisance was abated when the generator broke down.

Food Complaints.

A slight reduction occurred in the food complaints received this year I am pleased to report. Complaints included mouldy pork pie, sausages and cheese; maggot in pork pie; fly in beef sausages; grease in bread; bird pecked bread; string in chocolate éclair; glass in tinned peas.

It is sad to record that perishable products such as pies and sausages are so often the cause of complaint. Close supervision of the manufacturers and constant inspection and education at the point of retail sale is of the paramount importance if standards are to be maintained and improved. The frequent change of ownership of the small village shops together with the staffing difficulties of the supermarkets presents the inspectors with a never ending task of education.

Legal proceedings were authorised under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 in respect of the sale of mouldy processed cheese but the case was dismissed. The Food Standards Committee have recently undertaken a review of date marking of food and have recommended new legislation to require open date marking of prepacked food which would include short-life food such as processed cheese.

Untreated Milk.

During the year 89 samples of raw milk were being retailed in the district from 17 different sources were submitted for biological examination to check for the presence of *Brucella abortus* and tubercle bacilli. All samples were found to be free of infection but 7 samples failed the methylene blue test indicating that improved production methods were desirable.

Cream.

26 samples of raw cream were also submitted for biological examination of which exactly half produced unsatisfactory methylene blue test results, much the same as in previous years.

Food Hygiene.

Steady progress was made in the improvement and control of food premises and some 105 contraventions were rectified.

A good deal of attention was given to the inspection of public houses where the catering aspect of trade is so obviously booming. A number of complete kitchen refits and alterations have been negotiated with the brewers and licencees and sanitary accommodation and drainage often provided or improved.

Proceedings were taken under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970 in respect of a licensed hotel found to be in a dirty and unsatisfactory condition. A fine of £110 with £32.50 costs was imposed.

Two other cases were taken for failure to provide sanitary accommodation in public houses as required by section 89 of the Public Health Act 1936 and fines were imposed in each case.

Planning Liaison.

Close liaison is established with the Area Planning Office and a system developed whereby all plans deposited with the Council are vetted by the Public Health Inspectors from all aspects of public health legislation. In this way it is possible to achieve many necessary and desirable alterations to comply with the relevant legislation before building commences.

Housing.

During the year thirty-two housing units were built on behalf of the Council and two hundred and six were completed by private enterprise.

Standard Grants.

During the year one hundred and twentynine applications were received and dealt with as under:-

No. approved -	Owner/Occupier	76
	Tenanted	<u>53</u>
	Total	<u>129</u>

No. withdrawn -	Owner/Occupier	1
	Tenanted	<u>1</u>
	Total	<u>2</u>

Sum total of Grants approved £30,485.96.

Since the inception of the scheme in 1959, 1,535 applications have been approved as follows:-

No. approved -	Owner/Occupier	960
	Tenanted	<u>575</u>
	Total	<u>1535</u>

No. withdrawn -	Owner/Occupier	69
	Tenanted	<u>67</u>
	Total	<u>136</u>

Sum total of Grants approved	£262,137.74.
Number paid	1,226
Number repaid	68
Net amount paid	£212,188.06.

Qualification Certificates

(a) Cases where Improvements required

Number of applications	50
Number of Certificates of Provisional Approval issued	50
Number of Qualification Certificates issued	28
Number of applications withdrawn	3

(b) Standard Amenities already provided

Number of applications	41
Number of Qualification Certificates issued	34
Number of Qualification Certificates refused	4

The following table shows the number of visits made in connection with Standard Grants and Qualification Certificates.

Foundations	62
Site Concrete	49
Damp Proof Course	47
Drainage	240
Other Visits	1518
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Total Visits	<u>1936</u>

Slum Clearance Programme.

The following table shows the state of the programme commenced in January 1956.

(a) Number of houses in programme	200
(b) Number dealt with under Housing Acts	254
	(55 vacant)
Number closed	23
Number demolished	64
Number made fit, Undertaking determined	151
(c) Number of families rehoused	183
Number rehoused by Council	105
(d) Number remaining to be rehoused	16
Number willing to be rehoused	3

Council Housing.

The following information is given by the Estates Officer, Mr. J.W. Pierson.

Applications for Housing.

The total number of applications on the waiting list increased from 917 in January to 964 in December.

New Accommodation.

Forty eight flats centrally heated consisting of one and two bedrooms, built to Parker-Morris standard primarily for occupation by senior citizens.

Work was commenced on a block of flats with Resident Warden consisting of 19 flats, at Forest Row.

Acquired Property.

The Council acquired two three-bedroomed houses from the private sector which have been added to the housing stock.

Vacancies

The total number of vacancies in existing Council accommodation during the year was 42.

Rehousing

The number of applicants housed was 90.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE
Medical Officer of Health

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TABLE I
VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area of the District	112,096 acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	55,320
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	0.49
Number of hereditaments (at 31.3.73)	...	...	...	...	...	22,717
Rateable Value (at 1.4.73)	...	...	...	...	...	£5,088,393
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 1.4.73)	...	...	...	...	...	£50,362

Births and Deaths.

Birth Rate (crude)	14.42) Per 1,000 Population
" " (modified)	...	...	...	...	...	14.85
" " (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	...	14.80
Death Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	...	12.44
" " (modified)	...	...	...	...	...	9.95
" " (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	...	12.10

Mothers and Infants

Live Births		Male	Female	Total
Number	...	413	385	798
Rate per 1,000 population	...			14.42
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent. of total live births)	...			5.39
Still Births				
Number	...	4	5	9
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...			11.15
Total Live and Still Births	...	417	390	807
Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)	...	7	3	10
Infant Mortality Rates				
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births				12.53
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births				11.92
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births				23.25
Neo-natal Mortality Rate				
(Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	...			7.52
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate				
(Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	...			6.27
Perinatal Mortality Rate				
(Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	...			17.34

TABLE I (continued)

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths NIL
 Rate per 1,000 total live and still births NIL

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	1	-	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	2	2	4
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	2	6
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	14	10	24
Malignant neoplasm, ^{lung} bronchus	23	7	30
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	22	22
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	8	8
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	5	-	5
Leukaemia	2	-	2
Other malignant neoplasms	19	23	42
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	1	2
Diabetes mellitus	2	2	4
Other endocrine etc. diseases	1	-	1
Anaemias	-	1	1
Other diseases of blood etc.	-	1	1
Mental disorders	1	4	5
Other diseases of nervous system	1	5	6
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	3	2	5
Hypertensive disease	4	14	18
Ischaemic heart disease	102	78	180
Other forms of heart disease	14	20	34
Cerebrovascular disease	42	67	109
Other diseases of circulatory system	12	17	29
Influenza	3	4	7
Pneumonia	30	20	50
Bronchitis and emphysema	14	2	16
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	5	8
Peptic ulcer	1	1	2
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	2	-	2
Cirrhosis of liver	1	1	2
Other diseases of digestive system	7	-	7
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	3
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	3	4	7
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	-	1	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	3	3
Congenital anomalies	3	1	4
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	3	1	4
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	1	8	9
Motor vehicle accidents	6	7	13
All other accidents	1	3	4
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	3	4
Total deaths	334	354	688

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1957-1972

TABLE II

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Crude Birth Rate		Number of Deaths		Crude Death Rate		Infants' Deaths		Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths	
		Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.				
		M.	F.	Total	M.										F.			Total
1957	43,380	269	255	544	7	6	13	12.84	264	250	514	11.85	7	3	10	17.95	43	
1958	43,300	262	238	500	14	6	20	12.01	295	296	591	13.65	2	4	6	11.54	-	
1959	43,670	301	297	598	6	14	20	14.15	323	293	616	14.10	4	2	6	9.71	2	
1960	43,780	279	271	550	10	10	20	13.02	284	276	560	12.79	7	7	14	24.56	10	
1961	43,950	280	277	557	10	15	25	13.24	312	300	612	13.92	10	9	19	13.64	-	
1962	44,770	334	289	623	14	12	26	14.49	303	331	634	14.16	6	2	8	12.33	15	
1963	45,540	322	284	606	30	14	44	14.27	303	340	643	14.12	7	6	13	20.00	7	
1964	46,000	326	307	633	21	21	42	14.67	266	318	584	12.69	6	5	11	16.30	91	
1965	47,130	344	326	672	17	21	38	15.06	304	333	637	13.52	6	6	12	16.90	73	
1966	48,300	349	317	666	25	24	49	14.80	313	355	648	13.42	10	-	10	14.00	67	
1967	50,640	416	355	771	27	23	50	16.21	267	350	617	12.18	4	9	13	15.83	204	
1968	51,810	378	417	795	25	21	46	16.23	320	305	625	12.06	15	5	20	23.78	216	
1969	52,700	424	357	781	22	15	37	15.52	309	376	685	13.00	4	5	9	11.00	133	
1970	54,550	392	372	764	23	16	39	14.72	316	346	662	12.13	5	4	9	11.21	141	
1971	54,790	434	364	798	20	19	39	15.28	253	363	616	11.24	6	6	12	14.34	221	
1972	55,320	390	365	755	23	20	43	14.42	334	354	688	12.44	7	3	10	12.53	110	

POPULATION FIGURES, 1963-1972. Estimated

TABLE III

PARISH	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Buxted	2,457	2,559	2,556	2,745	2,855	3,332	3,822	3,769	3,830	3,902
Crowborough	8,919	9,092	9,684	10,371	11,109	11,630	11,930	12,619	12,793	13,340
Danehill	1,343	1,411	1,441	1,419	1,456	1,452	1,470	1,484	1,424	1,421
Fletching	947	924	918	914	945	948	912	924	910	877
Forest Row	3,538	3,558	3,643	3,733	3,873	3,976	4,036	4,232	4,275	4,472
Framfield	1,798	1,782	1,776	1,769	1,786	1,791	1,807	2,038	2,057	1,954
Frant	1,468	1,435	1,450	1,414	1,451	1,447	1,450	1,495	1,465	1,439
Hadlow Down	833	837	839	845	857	823	842	920	869	855
Hartfield	2,043	2,092	2,112	2,075	2,157	2,135	2,021	2,073	2,042	2,149
Isfield	479	452	466	472	493	492	505	507	512	509
Little Horsted	197	203	190	201	195	202	198	204	198	212
Maresfield	3,266	3,283	3,354	3,332	3,494	3,511	3,504	3,565	3,632	3,282
Mayfield	3,478	3,488	3,565	3,578	3,648	3,649	3,676	3,750	3,686	3,846
Rotherfield	2,822	2,825	2,870	2,871	2,983	2,943	2,921	2,908	2,928	2,877
Uckfield	4,585	4,620	4,710	4,951	5,521	5,689	5,774	6,026	6,108	6,158
Wadhurst	4,016	4,109	4,071	4,047	4,157	4,188	4,151	4,264	4,287	4,207
Withyham	3,301	3,350	3,485	3,563	3,660	3,602	3,681	3,772	3,774	3,820
* Totals	45,540	46,000	47,130	48,300	50,640	51,810	52,700	54,550	54,790	55,320

*Totals are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General

Population of each parish calculated as follows:-

Registrar General's estimate of population for the District X Number of persons on Register of Electors in each parish.

1972

NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

TABLE IV

Disease	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-24 years	25 years and over	Age un- known	Total	Admitted to hospital
Measles ..	1	3	-	1	2	7	2	-	1	-	17	
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
	Under 5 years	5-14 years	15-24 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	Age un- known						
Food Poisoning	-	1	2	1	-	-					4	

TABLE V

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of diseases in the parishes, 1972

PARISH	DISEASE					
	Measles	Dysentery	Scarlet Fever	Acute Meningitis	Food Poisoning	Total
Buxted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crowborough	10	-	-	-	4	14
Danehill	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fletching	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forest Row	1	-	-	-	-	1
Framfield	-	-	1	-	-	1
Frant	2	-	-	-	-	2
Hadlow Down	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hartfield	-	-	-	-	-	-
Isfield	-	-	-	-	-	-
Little Horsted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maresfield	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mayfield	3	-	-	-	-	3
Rotherfield	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uckfield	1	-	-	-	-	1
Wadhurst	-	-	-	-	-	-
Withyham	-	3	-	1	-	4
TOTALS	17	3	1	1	4	26

TABLE VI

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1972

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-4 ..	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14 ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24 ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-34 ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44 ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-54 ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-64 ..	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ..	4	4	-	-	-	1	-	-

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1955-1972

TABLE VII

YEAR	NEW CASES					DEATHS				
	Respiratory		Non.-Respiratory		Total (All Types)	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total (All Types)
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M & F	M.	F.	M.	F.	M & F
1955	5	8	1	3	17	2	2	-	-	4
1956	4	6	4	2	16	-	3	1	-	4
1957	10	5	3	2	20	-	-	-	-	-
1958	13	4	1	-	18	1	-	-	-	1
1959	8	3	1	1	13	4	-	-	-	4
1960	11	3	3	3	20	1	1	-	-	2
1961	6	5	1	-	12	2	-	-	-	2
1962	12	2	3	-	17	2	1	-	-	3
1963	6	2	2	-	10	2	1	-	-	3
1964	5	5	1	1	12	2	1	-	-	3
1965	1	2	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
1966	3	4	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
1967	5	1	-	-	6	2	-	-	1	3
1968	1	1	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	1
1969	2	2	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	1
1970	1	3	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-
1971	2	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	1
1972	4	4	-	-	8	-	1	-	-	1

TABLE VIII

AMBULANCES, CLINICS AND LABORATORY SERVICE

Child Health Clinics and Ante-Natal Clinics in the Uckfield Rural District

Name of Centre	When held
BUXTED	
Reading Room, Buxted	3rd Tuesday in each month.
CROWBOROUGH	
All Saints Church Hall, Chapel Green	2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month.
CHELWOOD GATE AND DANEHILL	
Chelwood Gate Village Hall ...	2nd Tuesday in each month.
FOREST ROW	
Village Hall	1st Thursday in each month.
FRAMFIELD	
Memorial Hall	2nd Thursday in each month.
FRANT	
Village Hall	1st Friday in each month.
GROOMBRIDGE	
King Edward VII Institute Hall, Station Road	4th Tuesday in each month
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM	
Village Hall, Withyham ...	1st Friday in each month.
MARESFIELD	
Village Hall	2nd Wednesday in each month.
NUTLEY	
Village Hall	4th Thursday in each month.
ROTHERFIELD	
Village Institute Hall... ..	2nd Wednesday in each month.
UCKFIELD	
County Clinic (Child Health)...	1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesday in each month.
Ante-Natal Relaxation Class ...	Each Monday.
WADHURST	
Commemoration Hall, High Street	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month. (Dr. Marsh)
Family Planning Association Clinics	
CROWBOROUGH	
War Memorial Hospital	1st, 3rd and 5th Monday in each month
UCKFIELD	
County Clinic	Each Tuesday.

TABLE VIII (Continued)

Laboratory Facilities

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 63506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the Southdown Bus Depot, Pool Valley, Brighton, by 5.0 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 12 noon on Saturdays, or to the Public Health Laboratory by 5.30 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 1.0 p.m. on Saturdays or 12 noon on Sundays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by telephoning Brighton 63506.

Ambulance Services

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

The stations and ambulances are linked by radio control, which ensures a quicker and more efficient service in accident or emergency cases. All emergency calls along our common boundary with the Kent County Council are covered by the nearest ambulance to the scene of the emergency.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted directly from members of the public.

TABLE VIII (Continued)

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows:-

Parishes Served	Ambulance Station	Telephone Number	No. of Ambulances
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Frant Mayfield Rotherfield Wadhurst Withyham	Crowborough Hill, Crowborough.	Crowborough 4882	2
Forest Row Hartfield	East Court, East Grinstead	East Grinstead 23488	4
Buxted (South Part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Hadlow Down Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield	Red Cross Hall, Selby Road, Uckfield	Uckfield 2686	1

TABLE IX

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts						1976
" " "						
					Animal Boarding Establishments	
					Act, 1963	20
" " "					Noise Abatement Act, 1960	45
" " "					Clean Air Act	25
" " "					Pet Animals Act, 1951	6
" " "					National Assistance Acts	1
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health						
					Acts	748
Visits to factories with power						6
" " outworkers premises						3
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops						126
" " stalls and delivery vehicles						4
Visits to bakehouses						7
" butchers' shops						21
" knackers' yard						8
" fish frying premises						8
" catering establishments						130
" greengrocers and fruiterers						8
" other food premises						101
" ice-cream premises						4
" licensed premises						71
" poultry packers						43
" egg, fruit and potato packers						3
Visits in connection with caravans						13
" " " infectious diseases						174
" " " water supplies						122
" " " rats and mice destruction						3,162
" " " vermin						21
" " " waste foods order						13
" " " schools						15
" " " food inspection						36
" " " food complaints						34
Miscellaneous visits						339
No. of water samples taken						66
" milk and cream samples taken						115
" premises disinfected and disinfested						54
" preliminary notices served						143
" " " complied with						151
" statutory notices served						11
" " " complied with						1

TABLE X

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following statistics show inspections and work done by the Rodent Operators during the year.

	Rats	Mice
No. of complaints received	385	145
No. of premises infested	289	112
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiry	102	61
No. of premises treated by the occupier	116	40
No. of dwellings disinfested:		
(a) Dwellinghouses	151	161
(b) Council properties (Sewage disposal works and refuse tips)	15	-
(c) Business premises (other than food premises)	14	13
(d) Food premises	8	10
(e) Agricultural premises	21	15
(f) Schools	6	10
Total number of visits	3,153	

TABLE XI
 FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Twenty-seven visits were made during the year to factories in which mechanical power was used.

Inspection for purpose of provisions as to health.

PREMISES	No. on Register	Inspections.	Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	-		-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.. ..	172	6		-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-		-
TOTALS	182	6		-

Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	REFERRED		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature ...	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation ...	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	3	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	-	-	-	-

TABLE XI (continued)

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises	Notices served	Prosecu-tions
Wearing apparel: Making, etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE XII

WATER SUPPLIES

There is an ample supply of main water in the area, and the many analyses of water taken from numerous sources show that the organic purity and bacteriological condition is excellent.

The Mid-Sussex Water Company supply practically the whole of the district, and the fluoride content from all sources is less than 0.1 parts per million.

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

Source of Supply	Samples taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Mid-Sussex Water Company ...	39	39	-
Springs and Wells ...	26	11	15
TOTALS	65	50	15

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council's officers the undermentioned suppliers sent regular reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.

East Surrey Water Company.

Mid-Sussex Water Company.

POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

TABLE XI11

Statutory Supplier	Parish	Connected to main supply during year	Dwellings on main supply.	Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply
Mid-Sussex Water Company	Buxted Crowborough Danehill Fletching Forest Row Framfield Frant Hadlow Down Hartfield Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Mayfield Rotherfield Uckfield Wadhurst Withyham	3 43 5 - 14 3 - 8 8 - - 2 5 17 71 12 4	928 4,512 513 249 1,355 737 417 288 684 214 15 1,142 1,193 1,049 2,985 1,531 1,180	2,691 13,085 1,488 722 3,929 2,137 1,209 835 1,984 621 44 3,312 3,460 3,042 8,655 4,440 3,422
Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.	Frant	9	*	-

* Included in the total for Mid-Sussex Water Company.

TABLE XIV

Sewerage and Sewage Purification

Capital expenditure during the past twenty years on sewerage and sewage disposal works is shown in the following table:-

Year ended 31st March	Total Expenditure £
1953	5,526
1954	10,433
1955	6,072
1956	4,787
1957	83,977
1958	70,836
1959	30,398
1960	52,342
1961	71,501
1962	60,014
1963	80,013
1964	136,318
1965	170,309
1966	130,745
1967	63,013
1968	40,663
1969	110,468
1970	131,846
1971	161,193
1972	<u>290,231</u>
	<u>£1,710,685</u>

The Council's programme of capital works has had to be modified in line with the Government policy of restricting capital works to those which are essential in the interests of public health. The following details show the progress which has been made to date.

							Capital Cost. £.
Works completed up to December, 1972.							
UCKFIELD AND FIVE ASH DOWN	...	Sewers and New Disposal Works	...	...	...	...	175,000
CROWBOROUGH (VILLAGE)	...	New Trunk Sewers	...	...	...	...	58,000
UCKFIELD	...	New trunk Sewer	...	...	...	...	22,000
UCKFIELD (WEST SIDE)	...	Sewer	...	...	...	...	3,000
BUXTED	...	New Sewer	...	...	...	...	3,000
ISFIELD	...	Sewers and Pumping Station	...	...	...	...	66,000
DANEHILL AND CHELWOOD GATE	...	Sewers and Disposal Works	...	...	...	...	157,000
FRAMFIELD	...	New Pumping Station, Pumping Main. etc.	...	...	...	...	36,500
MAYFIELD (CROUCH)	...	Modernisation of Existing Works	...	...	...	...	60,000
BLACKBOYS	...	Duplication of Sewage Disposal Works	...	...	...	...	33,000

TABLE XIV (continued)

Capital
Cost.
£.

Schemes where work is in progress.

CROWBOROUGH AND ROTHERFIELD
(REDGATE MILL)

...	Modernisation and improvement of Sewage Disposal Works	...	468,000
BLACKHAM (VILLAGE)	...	Sewers and Disposal Works	38,336
FOREST ROW	...	Improvements to existing Works	118,000
BUXTED	...	Enlargement of existing Works	85,000

Schemes in course of preparation and schemes to be prepared.

WADHURST (ROCK ROBIN)	...	Pumping Station	...	-
MAYFIELD (MERES)	...	Modernisation of existing Works		185,750
FAIRWARP	...	Construction of Pumping Station to replace existing Works.		-
UCKFIELD SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS		Improvement to Inlet Works		-
HALLAND	...	New Sewer	...	22,000

TABLE XV

FOOD PREMISES

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970

The number and category of food premises in the area is as follows :-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Cakes, Confectionery and Sweets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Grocers and Provisions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
Catering Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	156
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

Improvements at Food Premises during 1971									
Cleanliness and repair of food equipment improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Placing food to prevent contamination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sanitary conveniences improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Constant hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Wash hand basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Provision of first aid boxes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sinks provided, renewed or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed and decorated.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Refuse facilities improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Temperature control of food improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Repairs to walls, floors etc. of food rooms.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Provision of clothing storage cupboard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Prohibition of sale of animal feed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Provision of overalls for food handlers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16

The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Cooked Meat premises	...	...	...	71
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	4
Ice-Cream premises (Storage and sale only)	...	...	...	230

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959

Number of persons registered as distributors. 101.

TABLE XVI
FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors.

184 lbs of fresh meat
28 lbs of cooked meat
106 lbs of canned meats
46 lbs of other canned foods
119 lbs of fish
1,888 lbs of frozen foods
3,576 lbs of other foods

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps.

TABLE XVII

Poultry Inspection

Number of processing plants in the district	...	3
Number of visits	...	43
Total number of birds processed in the year	...	7,656,602
Type of birds processed	...	Broilers
Percentage rejected as unfit	...	0.78

TABLE XVIII

Food and Drugs Act 1955 - Section 63

The licence in respect of the knackers yard was renewed, and eight visits were made to the premises during the year.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

Number of licences issued ... 5

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Three premises are registered under the above Act for the sale of pet animals and six visits were made during the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

Number of premises licensed	...	18
Number of visits made	...	20

TABLE XIX

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registrations and General Inspections

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of Registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	11	137	34
Retail shops	9	239	49
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	-	1	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ...	3	45	7
Fuel storage depots ...	-	2	-
TOTALS	23	424	90

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of workplace.	Number of persons employed
Offices	786
Retail shops	944
Wholesale departments, warehouses	18
Catering establishments open to the public	248
Canteens	33
Fuel storage depots	13
TOTAL	2,042
TOTAL MALES	821
TOTAL FEMALES	1,221

Number of visits of all kinds to registered premises	148
Number of informal notices served	8
Number of informal notices abated	4
Number of accidents reported (slight)	5

TABLE XX

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	1,445
(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose	1,968
2.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	5
3.	Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	101

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	125
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year

1.	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :-	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	-
(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :-	
(i)	By owners	-
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	-
2.	Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:-	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	7
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-	
(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1972)	1
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	-
3.	Proceedings under Section 4 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957:-	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1
(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	7
(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place - Section 16.	7
(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 16, were given by owners	4

TABLE XXI

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING HOUSES

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the past eight years :-

Internal.	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Damp floors remedied	58	37	40	26	39	25	27	27
Damp walls remedied	82	81	53	50	59	53	38	53
Floors relaid or repaired	97	82	89	49	58	52	44	34
Walls repaired or cleansed	319	288	241	133	229	176	58	34
Ceilings repaired or cleansed	305	255	229	117	215	169	47	34
Ceiling heights increased	9	3	3	4	5	2	8	11
Lighting improved	42	13	29	16	22	19	25	17
Ventilation improved	53	15	32	15	21	18	18	7
Windows repaired or renewed	91	37	55	41	57	40	43	57
Doors repaired or renewed	14	6	10	1	15	6	21	30
Woodwork repaired or renewed	10	5	1	3	4	2	4	-
Flues and fireplaces repaired	7	2	4	3	5	2	8	9
Cooking stoves repaired or provided	13	5	7	1	1	2	4	3
Washing coppers repaired or provided	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Food stores repaired or provided	44	39	39	11	10	7	3	1
Staircases repaired	29	21	22	10	18	21	11	5
Sinks provided or renewed	72	67	47	33	45	29	45	42
Sink wastes trapped or provided	73	63	51	35	51	37	28	31
Baths and wash basins provided	99	80	60	49	62	54	119	79
Hot water systems provided	92	72	55	40	62	56	90	76
Artificial lighting provided	2	-	3	1	1	1	24	24
Fuel stores provided	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
External.								
Walls repaired	46	36	34	23	29	22	26	32
Roofs repaired	42	40	34	19	17	25	24	16
Chimney stacks repaired	37	30	22	11	18	12	15	14
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	34	22	33	13	23	24	16	19
Paving provided or repaired	30	11	7	2	8	2	5	6
Dustbins provided or renewed	4	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
Accumulations removed	1	2	-	-	2	1	2	-
Drainage.								
New systems provided	31	20	22	21	23	12	23	10
Systems repaired, improved or cleansed	63	46	26	35	39	43	31	33
W.C.s provided	92	77	54	47	54	51	76	71
W.C.s repaired, cleansed and flushing apparatus provided	4	10	7	5	4	-	16	17
E.C.s and M.P.s converted to W.C.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
E.C.s repaired or improved	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Supply.								
Mains supply provided	5	3	4	1	2	-	5	2
Wells repaired, improved or provided	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	-

